



Planning • Historic Buildings • Archaeology

Specialist & Independent Advisors to the Property Industry

Energy & Utilities

CgMs has an established reputation for providing independent and commercially aware advice to clients in the combined fields of Planning and Development, together with Archaeology and Historic Buildings. Working nationally, CgMs offers a range of services based upon many years of experience in both the private and public sectors. The practice is registered with the Royal Town Planning Institute, and is a member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment. It is a registered supplier on the Achilles Utilities Vendor Database.

CgMs operates from offices in London, Birmingham, Cheltenham, Newark and Kettering.

Examples of its recent experience in the energy and utilities sector:



National Grid - CgMs provided a consultant consents officer to secure planning and s37 Electricity Act consents for schemes in the Thames Estuary, including :

- uprating existing overhead lines from 275kV to 400kV,
- securing a new overhead line connection;
- modifications to substations;
- new sealing end compounds;

This work has included procuring and managing teams of environmental consultants, liaison with the project teams and dealing with statutory bodies, including the local planning authorities and the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.



Total Oil - Following the catastrophic fire at the Buncefield Oil Terminal, alternative arrangements needed to be made for the conveyance of oil from the Lindsey refinery. At the request of the local planning

authority, CgMs prepared a planning application for a new connection between two existing pipelines.

NPower Renewables - CgMs was appointed to carry out an assessment of the impact of the proposed Nun Wood windfarm on Castle Ashby (grade I listed house and parkland) in Northamptonshire. This resulted in changes to the scheme and CgMs has subsequently provided heritage inputs to the environmental impact assessment.



National Grid - CgMs provided a consultant consents officer to secure planning permission for a temporary access road and headhouses associated with the Hurst to New Cross Cable Tunnel. This work has included managing a team of environmental consultants, liaison with the project teams and dealing with statutory bodies, including three local planning authorities.



RWE Npower - CgMs was commissioned to provide a detailed historic record of the construction and operation of Willington Power Station in Derbyshire. Analysis and recording of existing fabric, standing buildings and structures was carried out prior to the clearance and redevelopment of the site.

Anglian Water - CgMs has managed the archaeological investigations relating to a pipeline route through a strategic 120ha residential development site west of Bedford. It has also advised on other pipeline schemes at Deanshanger and Preston Capes, providing desk based archaeological assessments, commissioning investigation works and monitoring the implementation of the required works.

Private developer - CgMs is advising on the erection of a wind turbine at a research park in the

East of England. The proposal would provide around 10-20% of the park's electricity needs.

National Grid - CgMs is advising on planning issues related to an extension to a 400kV substation at Bramford in Suffolk. The revised proposal for a Gas Insulated Substation is intended to replace an earlier proposal for an Air Insulated Substation for which planning permission was secured. s37 consent will be required for overhead line entries.

The services which CgMs offer includes :

- all aspects of planning including: assessing the development potential of sites; promoting sites thorough the Development Plan process from Regional Spatial Strategies through to Local Development Frameworks; submitting and pursuing applications for planning permission; negotiating Section 106 agreements; providing supporting information for applications, such as Design and Access Statements and Environmental Impact Assessments; handling appeals; and coordinating project teams;
- a comprehensive range of historic building services including: assessment and recording of historic buildings and structures; Conservation Area appraisals and management plans; design briefs; development impact assessments; Listed Buildings and Conservation Area applications; negotiations with local planning authorities and English Heritage; and provision of expert evidence at appeals.
- provision of independent archaeological advice to land owners and developers including: advising on and discharging planning conditions; advice on need for, cost and duration of works; preparation of specifications, tendering and project management for field evaluations and excavations; desk based assessments; historic landscape characterisation; review of development plan policies and designated site boundaries; and provision of expert evidence for planning applications and appeals.

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